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Getting Ready for Medicare's Open Enrollment

Mark your calendar. Medicare's open enrollment period begins October 15 and closes December 7. Each year, Medicare health and drug plans make changes to things like cost, coverage, and what providers and pharmacies are in their networks. October 15 to December 7 is the time for Medicare recipients to change their Medicare health plans and prescription drug coverage for the following year.

Annually, health plans mail out their Annual Notice of Changes. Annual Notice of Changes (ANOC) are sent out by September 30, so you should have received it. Even if you are happy with your current plan, you should review these changes to ensure the plan still meets your needs. Also review your prescription drug formulary to confirm your drugs are covered under your current plan.

You can find valuable information on plans online at Medicare's Plan Finder @ Medicare.gov, which enables you to do a personalized search. You also have the option of calling Medicare at 1-800-MEDICARE. In addition, the Beaver County PA MEDI Program is available to answer your Medicare questions and assist you in finding a plan that meets your needs.

Call the Beaver County PA MEDI Program at 724-847-2262 to schedule your personal appointment. You can schedule a face-to-face appointment at one the Senior Centers-Circle of Friends in Baden, Circle of Friends in New Brighton or Center at the Mall at the Beaver Valley Mall or you can set up a telephone appointment.